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1; TEN-MAC NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION LED BY DEPUTY PREMIER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HO TAM ARRIVED LAGOS JANUARY 23 FOR FIVE DAY VISIT

NORTH KOREANS HAVE THUS FAR BEEN GIVEN RED CARPET TREATMENT, MEETING WITH HEAD OF STATE, AND UPCOUNTRY TRIP TO IBADAN AND IFE ACCOMPANIED BY EXTAFF COMMISSIONER GARBA.

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2. ANNOUNCED PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO "FURTHER DEVELOP THE FRIENDLY ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND CONSULT ON THE PROBLEMS OF COMMON CONCERN." HO TAM TOLD REPORTERS AT AIRPORT ON ARRIVAL THAT HIS TALKS WITH NIGERIAN OFFICIALS WOULD RELATE TO POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RELATIONS GENERALLY, WE SUSPECT NORTH KOREANS ARE ALSO SEEKING AN UNEQUIVOCAL STATEMENT OF NIGERIAN SUPPORT FOR DPRK POSITION VIS-A-VIS ROK.

3. HO TAM VISIT COINCIDES WITH TOUR OF NORTH KOREA BY HIGH LEVEL NIGERIAC DELEGATION HEADED BY AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER MAFENI, WHO, ACCORDING TO FMG, IS IN NORTH KOREA TO EXPLORE POSSIBWE AVENUES FOR "TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN NIGERIA AND NORTH KOREA, ESPECIALLY IN THE FIELDS OF AGRICULTURE, TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND AGRO-ALLIED INDUSTRIES."

4. WILL SUBMIT WRAP-UP REPORT AFTER DELEGATION DEPARTS AND COMMUNIQUE IS ISSUED. EASUM

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